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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 08-05
ALL COUNTY WELFARE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY MEDS LIAISONS

SUBJECT: NEW FEDERAL POVERTY LEVELS

(Reference: All County Welfare Directors Letter Numbers: 90-42, 91-34, 92-19, 93-16, 94-29, 95-19, 96-17, 97-11, 98-14, 99-15, 00-10, 01-16, 02-13, 03-10, 04-04, 05-13, 06-06, 07-04).

The enclosed chart provides you with the poverty level ceilings for most of the Medi-Cal percentage programs. These ceilings are derived from the annual federal poverty level (FPL) figures published in the Federal Register on January 23, 2008, (Volume 73, Number 15, Pages 3971-3972).

For most individuals whose eligibility is based on a percentage of FPL (including 1931 (b) applicants and recipients that receive Retirement, Survivor's, and Disability Insurance (RSDI) Title II income), the effective date of these revised FPL figures is April 1, 2008. However, counties must review all denials and discontinuances for the following groups back to the date specified for each group and re-evaluate eligibility based on the revised FPL figures:

- For applicants and recipients of the Medicare Savings Programs (MSP) including Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB), Specified Low Income Beneficiary (SLMB), and Qualified Individual 1 (QI 1) not receiving RSDI Title II income, counties must apply the new FPL figures retroactively to the date of publication, which is January 23, 2008. Because California has whole month eligibility, individuals whose applications are approved based on the January 23, 2008, date receive QMB coverage for the entire month of January.

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- For MSP applicants or recipients that are receiving RSDI Title II income, counties must review all denials and discontinuances beginning March 1, 2008, and apply the revised FPL.

We have also enclosed a new Sneed v. Kizer prorated FPL chart based on the new poverty levels (100 percent) which are used for Section 1931 (b) applicants and some recipients. These are also effective April 1, 2008.

If you have any questions on the FPL chart, please contact Mr. Dave Rappolee at (916) 552-9517. For questions about the Sneed v. Kizer prorate chart, please contact Ms. Rose Pankratz at (916) 552-9462. MSP questions should be directed to Ms. Debra Hader at (916) 552-9494.

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Enclosures

2008 FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL CHART					Effective 04/01/08*				
Persons	Monthly MMNL(\$)	MMNL as % of FPL	100%(\$) Monthly	Annual(\$) 100% FPL	120% Monthly (\$)	133% Monthly (\$)	185% Monthly (\$)	200% Monthly (\$)	250% Monthly (\$)
1	600	70	867	10400	1040	1153	1604	1734	2167
2	750	65	1167	14000	1400	1552	2159	2334	2917
2 Adults	934	81	1167	14000	1400	1552	2159	2334	2917
3	934	64	1467	17600	1760	1951	2714	2934	3667
4	1100	63	1767	21200	2120	2350	3269	3534	4417
5	1259	61	2067	24800	2480	2749	3824	4134	5167
6	1417	60	2367	28400	2840	3148	4379	4734	5917
7	1550	59	2667	32000	3200	3547	4934	5334	6667
8	1692	58	2967	35600	3560	3946	5489	5934	7417
9	1825	56	3267	39200	3920	4345	6044	6534	8167
10	1959	55	3567	42800	4280	4744	6599	7134	8917
For each addtn'l member add:	14		300	3600	360	399	555	600	750

\$35: = for Resident in LTC Facilities

133% FPL: = for Children Ages 1 Up To Age 6

MMNL: = for Medically Needy Program

185% FPL: = for Transitional Medi-Cal (TMC)

100% FPL: = for Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) Program; and
 ` = for Children Ages 6 Up To 19 Percent Program; and
 ' = for FPL Program for Aged and Disabled; and
 ' = for Section 1931 Applicants and for Certain Recipient's

200% FPL: = for Qualified Working Disabled Individuals; and
 = for Pregnant Women and Infants Up To Age 1 (disregard is in the 200% FPL)

250% FPL: = for Healthy Families Program, and for Working Disabled Program

120% FPL: < for Specified Low Income Beneficiaries

135% FPL: = Qualified Individual 1 Program

* For applicants and recipients of the Medicare Savings Programs (MSP-includes Qualified Medicare Beneficiary, Specified Low Income Beneficiary, and Qualified Individual 1 programs) not receiving RSDI Title II income, the new FPL figures are effective the date of publication, which is January 23, 2008. For MSP applicants or recipients that are receiving RSDI Title II income, the new FPL figures are effective March 1 2008

Notes:

"=" means: eligibility if budget unit income is equal to or less than income limit.

"<" means: eligibility if budget unit income is less than income limit.

Figures in above chart are rounded up to next dollar where necessary.

Section 1931(b) Determinations: Sneede v. Kizer
Prorated FPL Income Standard and Property Levels
- April 1, 2008 -

I. MBU Contains an Adult - May also Include an Unborn		
Person Type	1931(b) Income	Property
Single Parent	\$867	\$3,000
Single Parent with Unborn	\$1,167	\$3,000
Married Couple -Two Adults	\$1,167	\$3,000
Married Couple - with Unborn	\$1,467	\$3,150
Unmarried Couple - Each Unmarried Partner	\$867	\$3,000

II. MBU Contains Adult(s) and Child(ren)
Allow the full non-Sneede Section 1931(b) income/property limits for the MBU based on the number of individuals in the MBU.

III. MBU Contains a Nonparent Caretaker Relative, or Child(ren) with No Parents Living in the Home, or Child(ren) Whose Parent is PA/Other PA or Not in the MFBU
Each MBU receives full non-Sneede(b) income/property limit based on the number of persons in the MBU. If there is a pregnant minor in the MFBU, include the unborn in the pregnant minor's MBU.

IV. MBU Contains Only Children Who Live with One or Both Parents (Not Stepparents) and They Are in the Same MFBU. (Do not include a parent who is PA/other PA and not in the MFBU. Also, if there is a pregnant minor in the MFBU, her unborn is considered as another child in the pregnant minor's MBU.)				
No. of Children in MBU	One Parent		Two Parents	
	Prorated Income	Prorated Property	Prorated Income	Prorated Property
1	\$584	\$1,500	\$489	\$1,050
2	\$978	\$2,100	\$884	\$1,650
3	\$1,326	\$2,475	\$1,241	\$2,070
4	\$1,654	\$2,760	\$1,578	\$2,400
5	\$1,973	\$3,000	\$1,905	\$2,679
6	\$2,286	\$3,215	\$2,226	\$2,925
7	\$2,597	\$3,413	\$2,541	\$3,150
8	\$2,904	\$3,600	\$2,854	\$3,360
9	\$3,211	\$3,780	\$3,164	\$3,437
10	\$3,516	\$3,819	\$3,473	\$3,500

Note 1: Add \$300 for each additional child after 10 to Sec. 1931(b) income standards to determine prorated income standards.

Note 2: (No. Children in MBU) / (No. Parents in MFBU + No. Children in MBU) multiplied by 1931(b) income standard for a budget unit of Parent(s) in MFBU + Child(ren) in MBU = Prorated Income in Part IV